

U-BOAT TAKES TOLL ON SHIPPING

Former Norwegian Steamer
and Three Fishing Vessels
Sunk.

DESTROYER ALSO VICTIM

Department Has No Further
Information Regarding Gas
Attack on Smith Island.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 12.—News of the destruction by German submarines of three vessels off the Atlantic coast within the last forty-eight hours, and the report of a battle between an American destroyer and two Yankee submarine chasers and a Hun diver, 100 miles off Fire Island, was brought to this port today.

Thirty-one members of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Sommerstad taken over by the American government, arrived here today.

Men and Captain Land.
An Atlantic Port, Aug. 12.—Six men, including the captain of the fishing schooner Reliance, sunk Sunday, were landed here today. They were picked up by passing craft after being some hours in dories.

Ten Fishermen Rescued.
An Atlantic Port, Aug. 12.—Ten fishermen, survivors of the U-boat raid on the fishing banks Saturday and Sunday were landed here today by a United States vessel. Six of the men were from the auxiliary schooner Earle and Nettie.

Two Wireless Calls.
An Atlantic Port, Aug. 12.—The former Norwegian steamer Sommerstad was sunk by a German submarine off Fire Island yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, according to thirty-one members of the crew of the vessel, who were landed here today.

The Sommerstad was a 2,502-ton vessel taken over by the American government. She was bringing cargo from a Scandinavian port when she was attacked. The crew took to the boats and had been afloat but a short

DANIELS HAS NO DETAILS OF ATTACK

Washington, Aug. 12.—Secretary Daniels said today the department had no further information about the gas attack on Smith Island, N. C., or the effort of an American destroyer to sink the German submarine off the Virginia coast with depth bombs.

So far as the navy advises go there has been no information that German submarines were equipped for carrying gas for such use as was made of it on the North Carolina coast.

time when the naval vessel reached the scene.

As yet information is not available as to whether the freighter was sunk without warning.

The vessel was en route from Bergen, Norway, to an Atlantic port and was commanded by Capt. Hansen.

London, Aug. 12.—A British torpedo-boat destroyer was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on Aug. 6. Seven of the destroyer's complement were lost. The admiralty made this announcement today.

New York, Aug. 12.—German submarines took toll of American shipping in waters adjacent to this port for the second time yesterday, when the Norwegian steamer Sommerstad was sunk off Fire Island. The freighter was sent to the bottom not far from the locality where the armored cruiser San Diego was blown up on July 19.

The Sommerstad, whose crew of thirty-one was brought here today, was under charter to the United States shipping board. The vessel was on the way from Bergen, Norway, to New York in ballast.

Capt. Hansen, master of the ship, said she was sunk at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The crew took to the boats and later were picked up by a passing vessel.

The Sommerstad was built at Newcastle, England, in 1906, her owners of record being A. F. Klavess & Co.

Nantucket, Mass., Aug. 12.—The auxiliary schooner Earle and Nettie was added today to the list of fishing vessels sunk by a German submarine off Georges bank Saturday. The six members of the crew, picked up 100 miles east of Nantucket and brought here with four survivors of the schooner Lena May, reported that their vessel had been sunk by gunfire after having been looted by a raiding squad from the U-boat.

Efforts to find other fishermen adrift in dories were held up by a fog so dense that navigation was attended by the utmost danger. The boat bringing

the survivors of the Earle and Nettie and the Lena May picked its way cautiously and made port safely. With the arrival of the men from the former, the number of fishing vessels known to have been sunk was increased to ten. Two steamers, the Penstone, of British registry, and the Swedish freighter Sydland also were sent to the bottom off the New England coast by the submarine. Capt. Frank Lynch and two members of the crew of the Lena May had not been accounted for by shipmates who reached here.

The Earle and Nettie's men reported that they were subjected to many indignities. The personal effects of the fishermen, of little intrinsic value, were taken, along with provisions and clothing. When they were ordered into the dory they were told to be quick about it, and they were close by when their vessel was shelled. In several instances requests that they be permitted to retain trinkets were refused by the enemy, who swore at them and showed a more hostile attitude than that noted by the crews of other boats sent down.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The navy department has received a despatch from the commandant of the sixth naval district Charleston, S. C., stating that an attack with gas was attempted on the North Carolina coast about five o'clock Saturday with the result of temporarily putting out of business the coast guard station and lighthouse personnel.

The report goes on to say: "About forty minutes after the attack three large oil spots each over one acre in extent were observed passing by Smith Island to the north. This oil from which the gas was no doubt generated must have been released from a submarine in the vicinity of the entrance to the channel with the hope that it would come in with the tide, but the tide fortunately set along the island."

"Report was made to Col. Chase, coast artillery corps, Fort Caswell, N. C., by Capt. Willard of the Smith Island coast guard after the effects of the gas were noted. Six men were gassed. No deaths. The gas had the effect of mustard gas and was effective about thirty-six or forty minutes. Color of the gas has not been ascertained and its effect on trees and shrubbery not yet determined. The entire matter will be investigated and report made."

"The incident was reported by Col. Chase to the naval district commandant. Smith's Island is off the mouth of the Cape Fear river, near the entrance of the channel to Wilmington, N. C."

Gas attack, first effort to harm American shores made by submarine on Smith's Island Saturday night.

American destroyer chases submarine.

ON HUN SOIL.



Gen. J. L. Hines

Gen. J. L. Hines is in command of the 45th division, U. S. army which is fighting on German soil in the Vosges, near the Swiss border.

One 100 miles off Virginia coast; oil rises to surface after seventeen depth bombs are discharged.

British steamer Penstone sunk in New England waters Sunday, entire crew missing.

Swedish steamer Sydland sent to bottom near where ten fishing smacks were destroyed Sunday. Crew rescued by passing ship.

Crew of schooner Katie Palmer landed at New Bedford, Mass., after spending several hours in submarine.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 12.—A British vessel arriving here shortly before noon today reported that it had picked up two wireless calls at sea yesterday, one saying that a merchant vessel was being sunk by a U-boat off Nantucket and the other that a destroyer was attacking a submarine 100 miles off Fire Island.

The wireless reporting that a ship was being sunk was picked up in the morning. It was believed to have been sent from the vessel that was attacked. The other wireless was picked up in the afternoon. It was not known what vessel sent out the report of the attack on the submarine.

Brazilian Freighter Ashore

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 12.—A Brazilian freight steamer ran ashore on the New England coast during a heavy fog today. The tide was receding at the time and observers believed the vessel to be in a dangerous position. One report was that the steamer was evading a German submarine.

GROWING DIFFERENCES MAY DELAY REVENUE BILL

Kitchin Says Treasury Department Must Yield if Profits Tax Problem Is Solved.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Serious and growing differences between the ways and means committee and the treasury department over the form and rates of excess profits and war profits taxes in the \$8,000,000,000 revenue bill threatened today to delay a report on the bill until well beyond Aug. 19, when the house will re-convene to consider it.

"The treasury is opposing increases in the excess profits schedule, which is the only way the committee has found to draw a schedule of taxes on profits that would be in any way equitable," said Chairman Kitchin.

"Under the treasury scheme the great combinations and firms in gentlemen's agreements to keep up a certain schedule of profits whether times are dull or brisk would escape with a minimum of taxation. Their profits would be no greater now than before the war. They would be subject to the moderate excess profits taxes."

Whereas the man who had a small business before the war and had operated under favorable conditions since, would pay the high eighty per cent. war profits taxes.

"The ways and means committee wishes to write a revenue bill that will get those who profited before the war as well as those still profiting," Kitchin explained, "but the treasury wants to get only present profiteers and let those who profited before the war escape."

Kitchin said a solution of the problem of profits tax was the only thing that stood in the way of completion of the revenue bill. He believed it would be possible to work out the problem before the end of the week. This will be accomplished only through the yielding of the treasury department or the committee, however, and today neither seemed inclined to yield.

Brave Anna Held Is Victim Rare Disease

Actress of "Unconquerable French" Spirit Succumbs to Myeloma.

New York, Aug. 12.—Anna Held, the actress, died here late Monday.

Miss Held had been ill since April of a rare malady known as myeloma, a disintegration of the spinal marrow, and her condition was reported several times as critical. She rallied repeatedly, however, and until attacked by pneumonia a few weeks ago was regarded as on the road to recovery. Her physicians said that only her remarkable will power had prevented her from succumbing long ago.

Anna Held was born in Paris, in 1872, of a Polish mother and a French father. Upon the death of her father the family moved to London, where, for two years prior to going upon the stage, Anna was a street singer. When 16 years old, Miss Held returned to Paris after touring Holland and other countries with a comedy company and after that appeared in all the European capitals, winning renown by reason of her beauty and the daring magnificence of her gowns.

When she came to New York in 1896, the American public's desire to see and hear the chic Parisian had been whetted by stories of her beauty, of the perfection of her complexion, which she was reported as sustaining by means of daily milk baths, and the charm of a French concert hall song, "Won't You Come and Play With Me."

For more than twenty years Miss Held was in a musical comedy on the American stage nearly every year, appearing part of that time as one of the stars in plays produced by Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr. Miss Held subsequently was married to Mr. Ziegfeld, but after several years they separated. A daughter, Liane Held, now 23 years old, born of a previous marriage, is now on the stage.

Anna Held had the reputation of having played and sung in more towns and cities than most actresses and of dressing with even more lavishness than the celebrated Otero. She was a great favorite of New York audiences. As a star in light comedy she was known throughout the United States.

She had repeatedly told interviewers that she would "never grow old" and fulfilled her prediction almost to the end. Friends say she had a wonderful spirit and indomitable courage. Told by the doctors that she must die, she is said to have gayly remarked to one of them:

"It is the last curtain. I have lived and I will hold out to the last—it is the spirit of Joan of Arc and the spirit of my parentage—the unconquerable French."

Lillian Russell Notified
Pittsburgh, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Lillian Russell Moore, of this city, is directed to make the funeral arrangements and to decide upon the plot where the body of Anna Held will be buried, according to the will of the late actress. This information came today in a telegram from Charles F. Hanlon, of San Francisco, executor of Miss Held's estate.

Mrs. Moore, who is on a vacation tour in the Blue Ridge mountains, has been notified.

CAN'T UNDERSTAND CHANGE IN HUN MILITARY POLICY
Key Yet Lacking—Some Revolution in Progress in System.

London, Aug. 12.—A marked change is taking place in German military policy, says the military critic of the Times. He believes that during the allied victories of the last month "German strategy was clearly in a transitional stage from the ideas with which Ludendorff began the March offensive to ideas whose nature is not yet revealed and which can only be conjectured."

"The successful allied raids on the Italian front," he continued, "are an example of the way these conjectures are being tested. Are the Germans strengthening the Italian front with a view to an offensive there, or is there a backward movement on the Italian front, and what is its explanation? Doubtless these raids have enabled the allied staff to answer these and other questions."

"Undoubtedly some revolution is in progress in German policy to which we do not yet have the key."

SECRETARY M'ADOO FINDS LOTS OF WORK AWAITING HIM
Washington, Aug. 12.—Secretary McAdoo found an accumulation of important treasury and railroad questions awaiting his decision when he returned today from a two-months' vacation trip to the west.

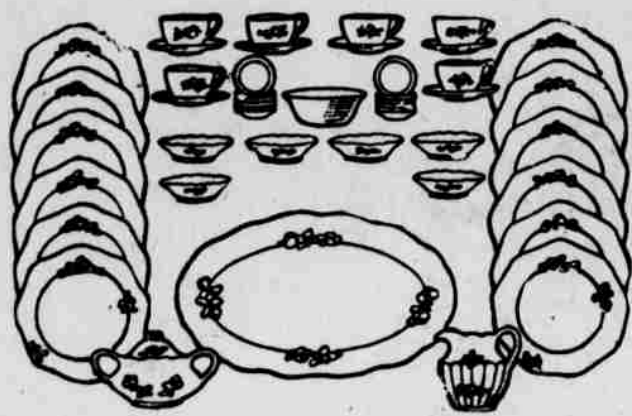
Secretary McAdoo said he had found the country in sound financial health, and that it would be comparatively easy to float the fourth liberty loan, details of which he expects to announce this week.

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